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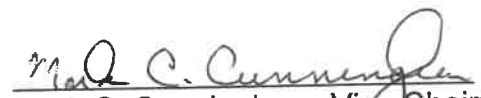
LC AUDITOR (AUG 2021 MVR PERM)	\$ 4,822.50
LC AUDITOR (AUG 2021 MVR)	1,463.81
LC AUDITOR (SEPT 2021 GAS TAX)	15,667.42
SALVAGE	88.40
BZA APPLICATION	450.00
CEMETERY	5,875.00
PARK RECREATION FEE (PULTE HOMES)	8,100.00
PARK RECREATION FEE (DREES HOMES)	1,800.00
ZONING PERMITS	<u>15,933.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 54,200.63</u>

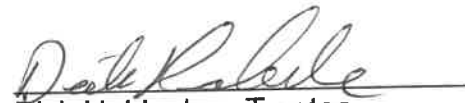
FISCAL OFFICER:

  
Mandie Andrewes

APPROVED:

  
Michael G. Musto, Chairman

  
Mark C. Cunningham, Vice Chairman

  
Dick Heidecker, Trustee

Chairman Mike Musto called the regular meeting to order on October 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Mike Musto, Mark Cunningham and Dick Heidecker were present.

Fiscal Officer Andrews sent all meeting reports to the Trustees electronically.

Minutes from the previous regular meeting on September 20, 2021 were presented for approval.

**Motion Cunningham to approve the minutes as written. Seconded Musto. Musto and Cunningham voted yes; Heidecker, who was away on vacation, abstained. Motion carried.**

Bills and payroll totaling \$92,340.13 were presented for payment.

**Motion Heidecker to pay the bills as listed. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:**

Lorain County Sheriff's September Incident Report for Columbia Township.

Regarding the TIF, Compensation Agreement for Incentive Districts 1, 2 and 3.

Letters from Mary Jo Vasi to the Trustees and Lorain County Prosecutor requesting the construction of Glenwood Avenue.

**CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE:**

**Letter from Mary Jo Vasi to the Columbia Township Trustees Requesting the Construction of Glenwood Avenue** – Chairman Mike Musto commented the Trustees will take no action on Ms. Vasi's request and her correspondence will be filed.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

No one from the Sheriff's Department was in attendance.

**ZONING INSPECTOR:**

**Permits** – For September 21-30, 2021, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 14 permits for one barn, two pools and 11 single-family homes. Year-to-date, Eichenberg has issued 119 permits for single-family homes.

**Violations** – Eichenberg sent a violation to the owner of 10123 Aldridge Avenue for disabled vehicles. The vehicles belong to a renter. The property owner told Eichenberg the vehicles will be moved within the week.

Eichenberg requested a resolution to mow the grass at 9995 Bryant Avenue.

**Motion Heidecker to mow the grass at 9995 Bryant Avenue. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 10-4-2021-113**

The bank that owns 19556 Rolling Brook asked Eichenberg for a compliance, but they are only partially mowing the backyard. They emailed Eichenberg that the Township can mow the backyard.

A resident from Columbia Reserve complained about a homeowner in the subdivision who has two older cars. Eichenberg explained that both vehicles have historical license plates and there is nothing he can do about them if they are licensed. The same resident complained about a yard in the subdivision. Eichenberg said he spoke with the Lorain County Prosecutor about her yard and her flower patch. There is nothing Eichenberg can do about her flower patch, since it is impossible to tell the difference between weeds and flowers and the resident is mowing her lawn.

Musto wondered if the Hunting Meadows retention basin was mowed. The retention basin is under the county's jurisdiction.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – The BZA will meet on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. They will hear Case 2021-06 which is a request for a 50 ft. road frontage variance for a lot split.

**Zoning Commission** – The Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be a joint workshop meeting with the Trustees and Board of Zoning Appeals.

**MS4'S** – No complaints or problems reported.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

**Equipment** – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all road and fire equipment up and running.

**Issue I** – Rundle is waiting for the OPWC paperwork for the South Boone Road resurfacing project. He will call the Lorain County Engineer tomorrow to check the status.

**Subdivision Status** – The road crew has been doing concrete work on Bridle Path.

**Department Input** – This week the road crew will be chipping branches.

Using the new mini-excavator, the road crew cleaned a ditch that runs from Station Road to Root Road. Rundle took photos and he will forward them to Don Romancak.

Rundle noted the Board is aware of everything else the Road Department is doing.

**MS4'S** – No complaints or problems reported.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Personnel** – Assistant Chief Craig Heidinger reported 35 members on file and 32 members on call.

**Calls** – To date, there have been 177 Fire calls and 536 EMS calls.

**Transport Billing** – August billing receipts totaled \$18,013.74. Year-to-date receipts total \$111,865.59.

**Equipment** – Heidinger reported all equipment up and running.

**Mutual Aid** – Mutual aid has been given 48 times and requested 38 times.

**Station Coverage** – No problems with coverage reported.

**Department Input** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brett J. Wilson Memorial Climb will be held on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at the CHS Football Field. Participants will try to complete 100 flights of stairs. A \$10 donation is requested and all donations will go to the Fire Academy Scholarship Fund at Tri-C West in honor of Brett Wilson.

Brett Wilson's name has been added to Lorain County's Fallen Firefighters Memorial and there will be a ceremony at the memorial on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CEMETERY:**

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$2,600 for burials. All but \$275 is for prepaid burials. Receipts from the sale of graves totaled \$3,000.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**American Rescue Plan** – Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews reported the ARP funds have not been received yet and she has had no updates on the program.

**Discuss Planting Trees in Tree Lawns** – Chairman Musto noted the Trustees discussed a request to allow trees in tree lawns during their meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> and tabled the discussion.

The spokesman from Columbia Reserve presented the Trustees with additional information about townships that do permit planting trees in tree lawns. Regarding the liability issue, the resident said nothing has happened in the last five or six years.

**Musto made a motion to plant trees in the tree lawns.**

Heidecker asked the spokesman if the trees in Montville Township are on private streets. The resident said they are on public streets.

Heidecker said he would like to see a workshop meeting with residents from Columbia Reserve and Hunting Meadows.

Another resident from Columbia Reserve complained about the wild grass that grew where the trees were removed.

Cunningham said his problem is with the liability. He said we have already been sued. He said HB 535 says one of the larger areas of liability for counties and townships are obstructions such as trees and boulders in the road right-of-way. Cunningham said he has nothing against trees. He does not want to put the liability on the Township and he is trying to protect the Township.

**Cunningham said he would second the motion for discussion.**

Heidecker said we will set up a workshop meeting.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews said her concern is from a financial point. She asked who will be maintaining the trees? Who will be maintaining the trees in 5 to 10 years? Andrews said our road crew is already stressed. Andrews said the trees would also be a zoning violation.

Cunningham commented that a Cleveland Pear tree would hang over the road.

Musto rescinded his motion. He agreed with scheduling a workshop meeting.

Heidecker said he would like for the workshop meeting to be with representatives from both subdivisions. Heidecker said there are three of us and we don't want 100 people at the workshop meeting.

Eichenberg stated you can't just plant trees in the tree lawns.

Heidecker said we will start the process.

Cunningham expressed concern about who will police the type of trees planted.

After the lengthy discussion was concluded, the Trustees agreed to set up a workshop meeting to continue the discussion.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hunting Meadows Subdivision** – A resident who lives in the Hunting Meadows Subdivision requested the installation of a speed bump in the subdivision. The Lorain County Sherriff found the majority of drivers doing 24-25 mph in the subdivision. No action was taken.

**Discuss TIF Agreement** – Chairman Musto said the Trustees don't have a lot to discuss tonight. Heidecker said we have 30 days to negotiate the agreement and we are trying to set up a teleconference to discuss the agreement with Don Romancak.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cunningham** report the RLCWA board will meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>. RLCWA's Property Committee will meet on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The Lorain County Township Association will meet on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Columbia Fire Station.

**Heidecker** reported the SWGH board will meet on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Last Wednesday, the hospital had 25 Covid patients, down from 35 the week before.

The next NOACA board meeting is on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Heidecker will be unable to attend because the NOACA meeting conflicts with the Lorain County Community Alliance (LCCA) meeting on the same date. The LCCA meeting will be at the LCCC Spitzer Conference Center. The meeting is their Post Pandemic Recovery Summit. Speakers will address Covid and the American Rescue Plan. Attendance will be available by Zoom and in person.

**Musto** had nothing new to report regarding NEORSD, Stormwater Phase II MS4'S, and NOPEC.

Cunningham noted NOPEC'S annual meeting is on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:**

Fiscal Officer Andrews did not have any financial requests.

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

The Trustees gave everyone present the opportunity to ask question and/or offer comments.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion Heidecker to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.